

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 9 is canceled, the remaining claims and specification are revised, and new claim 28 is added to place this application in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 1-8 and 10-28 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits. Claim 9 has been canceled since it did not include any structural features and replaced with new claim 28, for which support can be found on page 10, lines 3-25.

First, the objection to the drawings is traversed on the grounds that Figure 2 shows component number 14, and the claims are in compliance with Rule 83 with respect to showing the return head. In response to claim 14, new Figure 5A is added by separate letter to the draftsman. This drawing shows the drum and curtain supported by the frame component 7 as described in the paragraph on page 11, beginning at line 6. The appropriate changes to the specification have been made as well. Accordingly, the issues regarding the drawings and claims have been resolved, and the objection should be withdrawn.

Second, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. While the Examiner alleges that the description of the drum and curtain are unclear, it is respectfully submitted that one of skill in the art would clearly understand the meaning of the specification in this regard. Page 11, line 15-20 describes a curtain would on a drum, the drum mounted on the beam 7 of the frame. The curtain, when played off the drum forms a receptacle for debris. This description, while terse, clearly

satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and the rejection in this regard should be withdrawn.

Third, the claims have been extensively amended to respond to the issues of indefiniteness raised in the Office Action. It is contended that each and every issue raised by the Examiner has been addressed via amendment, and that all claims are fully definite under the purview of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Since no prior art was applied to the claims, and each and every issue raised in the Office Action has been addressed, it is contended that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine this application in light of this amendment and pass claims 1-8 and 10-28 onto issuance.

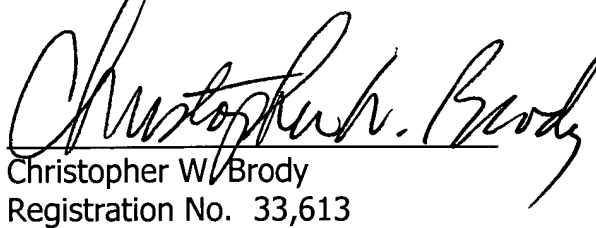
If the Examiner believes that an interview with expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-835-1753.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

The above constitutes a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action dated July 14, 2005.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is no fee required for this submission, however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

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